

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant proposes to amend claims 1 and 17, as well as the paraphrasing of these claims on pages 5 and 6 of the specification in light of a relatively minor error discovered by applicant upon a review of the application following receipt of the Official Notice of Allowance. Specifically, claim 1 presently recites (in the third paragraph following the preamble) that a locking rod is actuated by a lever and handle portion to engage and lock a second component of the release head assembly relative to the first component. The claim should read that the second component is locked relative to the handle. Support for this limitation is found in the text on page 19 (paragraph [0072]) wherein actuation of the lever 48 is described. The most relevant text reads:

Now, the intermediate link 28 and pawl 36 are fixed relative to the release post 22 and handle portion 12... .

With regard to claim 17, a similar change is necessary in the final paragraph of the claim. Presently, the claim recites that the locking rod is adapted to engage and lock the sear element relative to the yoke. The claim should recite that the locking rod is adapted to engage and lock the pawl head relative to the handle. Support for this change is also found in the text quoted above from page 19 of the specification.


It is readily apparent from the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance that the specific language at issue here was not the basis for allowance of the claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the proposed changes to claims 1 and 17 relate only to minor wording changes that do not require further examination and/or

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search on the part of the Examiner. Accordingly, entry pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 is requested.

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